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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 09/970,294 ) Group Art Unit: 3732  
Filed: October 2, 2001 )  
For: Screws of Cortical Bone and ) Examiner: M. Priddy  
Method of Manufacture Thereof )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification (with the changes as shown in the attachment)  
to read as follows:

Page 26, paragraph 2:

—In a further step in the manufacture of the screws of the present invention, the screw may be immersed in, or coated with, biologically active chemical agents included, but not limited to, antibiotics, or substances to promote bone formation such as bone morphogenetic proteins, mineralizing proteins, hydroxyapatite, or genetic material coding for the production of bone (directly or indirectly).—